



IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled) A device for removing and replacing a seal structure in a plumbing fixture, comprising: a cylindrical, hollow external housing having upper and lower ends; a cylindrical guide having upper and lower ends and designed to be removably disposed within the external housing such that the lower end of the guide does not extend beyond the lower end of the external housing in a resting position; a cap removably attachable to the upper end of the cylindrical guide such that the cap extends beyond the upper end of the external housing in a resting position; and a compression spring having upper and lower ends and disposed within the upper end of the external housing such that depression of the cap causes compression of the spring and causes the lower end of the cylindrical guide to extend beyond the lower end of the external housing.

2. (Currently Amended) [The device as set forth in claim 1] A device for removing and replacing a seal structure in a plumbing fixture, comprising: a cylindrical, hollow external housing having upper and lower ends; a cylindrical guide having upper and lower ends and designed to be removably disposed within the external housing such that the lower end of the guide does not extend beyond the lower end of the external housing in a resting position; a cap removably attachable to the upper end of the cylindrical guide such that the cap extends beyond the upper end of the external housing in a resting position; and a compression spring having upper and lower ends wherein the lower end of the compression spring is held in place by an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing and wherein the compression spring is disposed within the upper end of the external housing such that depression of the cap causes compression of the spring and causes the lower end of the cylindrical guide to extend beyond the lower end of the external housing.

3. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the cylindrical guide includes a lip which interacts with an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing to prevent the cylindrical guide from sliding past a predetermined location.

4. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the cap is pressure fit to the upper end of the cylindrical guide.

5. (Currently Amended) [The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the] A device for removing and replacing a seal structure in a plumbing fixture, comprising: a cylindrical, hollow external housing having upper and lower ends; a cylindrical guide having upper and lower ends and designed to be removably disposed within the external housing such that the lower end of the guide does not extend beyond the lower end of the external housing in a resting position; a cap [is] threaded to the upper end of the cylindrical guide such that the cap extends beyond the upper end of the external housing in a resting position; and a compression spring having upper and lower ends and disposed within the upper end of the external housing such that depression of the cap causes compression of the spring and causes the lower end of the cylindrical guide to extend beyond the lower end of the external housing.

6. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing includes stationary grip handles.

7. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 6 wherein the grip handles are formed integrally with the external housing.

8. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 6 wherein the grip handles are curved to accept a user's fingers.

9. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing, the cap and the cylindrical guide are formed from a water resistant material.

10. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing, the cap and the cylindrical guide are formed from a waterproof material.

11. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing, the cap and the cylindrical guide are formed from a material selected from the group consisting of plastics, composites and thermoplastics.

12. (Cancelled) A device for removing and replacing a seal structure in a plumbing fixture, comprising: a cylindrical, hollow external housing having upper and lower ends and integral grip handles which are curved to accept a user's fingers; a cylindrical guide having upper and lower ends and designed to be removably disposed within the external housing such that the lower end of the guide does not extend beyond the lower end of the external housing in a resting position, the cylindrical guide further including a lip which interacts with an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing to prevent the cylindrical guide from sliding past a predetermined location; a cap removably attachable to the upper end of the cylindrical guide such that the cap extends beyond the upper end of the external housing in a resting position; and a compression spring having upper and lower ends and disposed within the upper end of the external housing and held in place by an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing such that depression of the cap causes compression of the spring and causes the lower end of the cylindrical guide to extend beyond the lower end of the external housing.

13. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 12 wherein the cap is pressure fit to the upper end of the cylindrical guide.

cap removably attachable to the upper end of the cylindrical guide such that the cap extends beyond the upper end of the external housing in a resting position; and a compression spring having upper and lower ends and disposed within the upper end of the external housing and held in place by an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing such that depression of the cap causes compression of the spring and causes the lower end of the cylindrical guide to extend beyond the lower end of the external housing.

14. (Currently Amended) [The device as set forth in claim 12 wherein the] A device for removing and replacing a seal structure in a plumbing fixture, comprising: a cylindrical, hollow external housing having upper and lower ends and integral grip handles which are curved to accept a user's fingers; a cylindrical guide having upper and lower ends and designed to be removably disposed within the external housing such that the lower end of the guide does not extend beyond the lower end of the external housing in a resting position, the cylindrical guide further including a lip which interacts with an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing to prevent the cylindrical guide from sliding past a predetermined location; a cap [is] threaded to the upper end of the cylindrical guide such that the cap extends beyond the upper end of the external housing in a resting position; and a compression spring having upper and lower ends and disposed within the upper end of the external housing and held in place by an area of reduced internal diameter in the external housing such that depression of the cap causes compression of the spring and causes the lower end of the cylindrical guide to extend beyond the lower end of the external housing.

15. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing, the cap and the cylindrical guide are formed from a water resistant material.

16. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing, the cap and the cylindrical guide are formed from a waterproof material.

17. (Cancelled) The device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the external housing, the cap and the cylindrical guide are formed from a material selected from the group consisting of plastics, composites and thermoplastics.